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Dear Parishioners,

Here we are, our first Christmas together as a parish family, and as your Pastor, I would like you to feel God's embrace on this glorious day.

I believe Christmas is about feeling hugged by God. That is why Jesus came into the world, to wrap creation and creatures in a big embrace.

Jesus's journey in this world was full of hugs of welcome and consolation, hugs that have put people back on their feet and shown God's mercy, and hugs that have brought us closer to each other and restored hope where there was despair.

Hugging is a vital need. The child hugs his mother and falls asleep in her arms; a husband hugs his wife to show her his love, and as he does so, he hopes she feels the same.

A hug can be a simple greeting or show all the feelings you have in your heart.

There are hugs to say goodbye and hugs to welcome back, sometimes illusory hugs and sometimes melancholy hugs, but no matter why you are hugging, a hug is always full of hope.

Mothers hug their children with maternal protection. Fathers hug, perhaps less than mothers, but they mean the same love.

There are hugs, requested or spontaneous, to express joy, to give meaning to life, and to motivate the many daily efforts to love.

A hug is enough to forget the tiredness after many hours of work or the suffering of someone who has hurt you.

There are also hugs to say thank you or to say I need you. There are hugs to embrace a life that has just been born or a life that has just gone.

On this Christmas day, Christ returns to embrace everyone after two years of a pandemic, when even a quick hug was not possible. Jesus hugs everyone, good and bad, big and small, rich and poor, because everyone needs to feel the warmth of a hug.

With his embrace, he wants to keep us close to him, cradled in his arms, consoled by his voice, and wrapped in his love.

In the crib of baby Jesus, there is the summary of a visible love for humanity so that everyone embraces everyone as a family.

Hugs in our homes, among the people of our parish, and among different cultures and races still symbolize peace.

My wish for this Christmas is to be able to make you feel my embrace of peace that comes from my faith in baby Jesus.

May the Son of the Most High, who bowed down in an endless embrace, give everyone the faith, hope and charity that come from God's loving hug. Merry Christmas from the bottom of my "hug."

Fr. Augusto

Some thoughts on today's scripture



From this beginning, Jesus accepted the constraints of poverty. His parents had no influence that could enable them to have the birth at home. They had no money to

buy proper lodging for him in Bethlehem. Mary's joy as a mother must have had an underlay of sadness at the conditions of the birth, and at her powerlessness to make things better. From his birth on, Jesus made an option for the poor.

“Non temete, ecco vi annunzio una grande gioia, che sarà di tutto il popolo: oggi vi è nato nella città di Davide un salvatore, che è il Cristo Signore. Questo per voi il segno: troverete un bambino avvolto in fasce, che giace in una mangiatoia”.

Soltanto la contemplazione può semplificare la nostra preghiera per arrivare a constatare la profondità della scena e del segno che ci è dato.

Una mangiatoia, un bambino, Maria in contemplazione, Giuseppe meditabondo: “Veramente tu sei un Dio misterioso!”. Il Padre, il solo che conosce il Figlio, ci conceda di riconoscerlo affinché l'amiamo e lo imitiamo.

Nessun apparato esteriore, nessuna considerazione, nel villaggio tutto è indifferente. Solo alcuni pastori, degli emarginati dalla società...

E tutto questo è voluto: “Egli ha scelto la povertà, la nudità.

NOTE/NOTA

Office will be OPEN till 12:00 pm:
L'ufficio sarà aperto fino alle 12:00 pm

Thu/giovedì 22 December 2022
Fri/venerdì 23 December 2022
Wed/mercoledì 28 December 2022
Thu/giovedì 29 December 2022
Fri/venerdì 30 December 2022

The Office will be closed due to statutory holidays:
L'ufficio sarà chuso per giorni festivi

Mon/lunedì 26 December 2022
Tue/martedì 27 December 2022



We We want to take the opportunity to thank all who made their contribution to the Parish in November. We raised \$ 25,839. Church expenses were \$ 28,038. Merry Christmas to all of you.

Vogliamo cogliere l'occasione per ringraziare tutti coloro che hanno dato il loro contributo alla Parrocchia nel mese di Novembre. Abbiamo raccolto \$ 25.839. Le spese della chiesa sono state di \$ 28.038. Buon Natale a tutti voi.



New Year's Mass Schedule

DEC 31 (Saturday)

05:00 pm - New Year
Thanksgiving Mass

JANUARY 01 (Sunday)

09:00 am - Italian
10:30 am - English
12:00 pm - English

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN



Just as your home must be maintained and your family cared for, so does your parish need to be maintained and cared for.

We encourage you to please sign up for PAG plan, if you think it is more convenient than using weekly Offertory envelopes. PAG forms are available at the church entrances and in the church office.



If you are a new parishioner or someone who has been attending St. Norbert's Parish but has never registered we ask that you please register. Forms are located at the main entrances of the church and in the church office.

Once completed you may simply drop the registration form in the collection basket, or bring to the church office.

Registration is very important especially for any future sacramental celebrations. Also, please introduce yourself to the parish priest who would be pleased to meet you personally.



Mass Intentions

Sat/sabato - Dec/dicembre 24
5:00 pm-
10:30 pm

Sun/domenica - Dec/dicembre 25
9:00 am -
10:30 am -
12:00 pm -

Tue/martedì - Dec/dicembre 27
7:00 pm - +Giovanni Monte
Wed/mercoledì - Dec/dicembre 28
7:00 pm - +Carlito Nisperos
Thu/giovedì - Dec/dicembre 29
8:30 am -

Fri/venerdì - Dec/dicembre 30
8:30 am -

Sat/sabato - Dec/dicembre 31
5:00 pm- +Presentation Nuguit
Sun/domenica - Jan/gennaio 01
9:00 am -
10:30 am -
12:00 pm -

Tue/martedì - Jan/gennaio 03
7:00 pm -
Wed/mercoledì - Jan/gennaio 04
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